

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHODS FOR DETECTING LOW FREQUENCIES OF MUTATIONS

Action: **Petition for Extension of Time**

Date: August 23, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Office Action of February 28, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 28, 2006. A three (3) month extension of time for filing a response is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Concurrently submitted herewith is the credit card information needed for payment of any fees associated with this paper. If you are unable to charge this payment to the credit card for any reason, please charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

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